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1. The Soviet Army dress uniform issued to officers was the same for winter and summer, except that the winter uniform included an additional overcoat, a fur cap with earflaps, warm underwear, and warm footwraps. Dress uniform was as follows:
 - a. Khaki-colored wool blouse (kitel)
 - b. Blue wool breeches (galifey), worn with black boots
 - c. Blue wool trousers (bryuki), worn with black low-quarter shoes
 - d. Mouse-gray wool overcoat, worn with gloves in the winter
 - e. Visored cap, of the same material as the blouse
 - f. Sam Browne belt, pistol, and holster
2. a. Officers were also issued a service and field uniform, one for summer and one for winter. The winter service and field uniform was as follows:
 - (1) Khaki-colored wool blouse
 - (2) Khaki-colored wool breeches, worn with black boots
 - (3) Khaki-colored wool trousers, worn with black low-quarter shoes
 - (4) Wool overcoat, worn with gloves in the winter.
 - (5) Visored cap
 - (6) Sam Browne belt, pistol, and holster

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- b. The summer service and field uniform consisted of the following items:

- (1) Khaki-colored cotton slip-over tunic (gymnastërka)
- (2) Khaki-colored cotton breeches
- (3) Black boots
- (4) Sam Browne belt, pistol, and holster
- (5) Visored cap

3. Blouses and overcoats had a lining of satin down to the waist. The wearing of the uniform was regulated by a military manual unknown. The field uniform slip-over tunic, breeches, Sam Browne belt, overcoat, and boots were the same as in the pictures I saw On page 2, DA pamphlet No. 30-27 with the exceptions: only visored caps were worn by officers; pistols had to be carried by officers at all times; the color of the Sam Browne Belt was incorrect (it should be a lighter tan shade); the color of the overcoat was a much darker, mouse-gray color Sic. Air Force officers and tank officers had roll-collar blouses and wore khaki-colored shirts and black ties with the service and dress uniforms.

4. Additional individual equipment consisted of the following:

- a. 1 wool blanket
- b. 2 bedsheets - exchanged every 7-10 days
- c. 1 pillow
- d. 1 pillowcase - exchanged every 7-10 days
- e. 1 towel
- f. 4 handkerchiefs

5. Listed below are the items of initial issue and length for which they were issued:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Length of Issue</u>
1	Overcoat (worn with dress and service uniform)	Mouse-Gray	Wool	2 yrs.
1	Winter fur cap with earflaps (ushanka)	Gray	Wool-fur	1 yr.
1	Visored garrison cap	-	-	1 yr.
1 pr.	Boots or low-quarter shoes	Black	Leather	1 yr.
1	Parade and dress blouse (kitel)	Khaki	Wool	1 yr (?)
1 pr.	Winter service blouse (kitel)	Khaki	Wool	1 yr.
1 pr.	Dress breeches (galifey)	Blue	Wool	1 yr.
1 pr.	Service breeches (galifey)	Khaki	Wool	1 yr.

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Quantity	Item	Color	Material	Length of Issue
1 pr.	Service trousers (bryuki)	Khaki	Wool	1 yr.
1 pr.	Dress trousers	Blue	Wool	1 yr.
1	Summer slip-over tunic (gymnastërka)	-	Cotton	1 yr.
1 pr.	Summer bresches	Khaki	Cotton	1 yr.
2 pr.	Summer footwraps	Khaki	Cotton	1 yr.
2 pr.	Winter footwraps	Khaki	Flannel	1 yr.
2 pr.	Summer underwear	White	Cotton	1 yr.
2 pr.	Winter underwear	White	Cotton with Wool	1 yr.
1	Sam Browne Belt, pistol, and holster	Tan	Leather	For duration of service
1 pr.	Dress gloves	Brown	Wool	1 yr.
1 pr.	Field gloves	Brown or Gray	Wool	1 yr.
1	Towel	White	Cotton	1 yr.
4	Handkerchiefs	White	Cotton	1 yr.
1	Pillow Case	White	Cotton	Exchanged every 7-10 days
2	Bed Sheets	White	Cotton	Exchanged every 7-10 days
1	Blanket	Brown or Khaki	Wool	For length of stay in unit
1	Pillow	White	Cotton	For length of stay in unit
1	Mattress	White	Cloth	For length of stay in unit

6. In the Soviet Zone of Germany officers could buy uniforms at the Voyentorgs (sales stores). These uniforms were made in Germany and were of a much better quality than the issued uniforms. All officers stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany purchased extra sets of uniforms. If an officer lost an item through no fault of his own (for example, if his coat burned while he was extinguishing a fire), he received a new replacement free. There was no salvage system for officers.
7. I received a uniform marked size 42 which I had altered at my own expense for a better fit. Officers' uniforms had to fit well, and officers with odd physical shapes had their uniforms altered or made to order at their own expense.

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8. Insignia of rank, service, arms, and the wearing of colors, piping, and buttons were the same as shown to me /on pages 4 and 6 of DA 30-2/. Service chevrons were called "narukavnye nashivki;" cuff patches were called "katushki"; arm insignia were called "emblema roda voysk"; wound stripes were called "planki raneniya."
9. I believe that there was sufficient clothing and equipment for all troops.
10. Winter uniforms were worn from 15 October to 15 April. However, these dates were not set, since the change depended on the climate and the discretion of the division or regimental commander, who would post the date of change on the bulletin board.
11. Upon demobilization, each enlisted man or officer was permitted to keep one issued uniform. In addition, officers could keep and wear all uniforms which they had bought themselves. They were permitted to wear the uniforms in civilian life, but all insignia, stripes, and medals had to be removed. As civilians they were not permitted to wear a military cap. It was quite customary to see civilians wearing bits of army clothing.
12. I have only the following information on uniforms and equipment of enlisted men: they were issued two cotton uniforms, consisting of khaki-colored slipover tunics (gymnastërka) and khaki-colored breeches (galifey). They were also given one pair of cowhide or artificial leather boots, one belt, one cap, two pairs of footwraps, and one issue of underwear. This was the dress, field, and service uniform. I do not know for what length of time these items were issued. In winter, enlisted men received an additional wool overcoat, a cap with earflaps, warm underwear, two pair of winter footwraps, and knitted wool gloves. I know of no special Arctic uniform, only of fur or felt boots (valenki), heavy fur gloves, sheepskin (shuba), warm footwraps (poryanki), and short, sleeveless, fur-lined body jackets. These items and enlisted men's uniforms were as shown to me in DA-30-2. Enlisted men received clean underwear, a pillow case, and bed sheets once every seven to ten days, after their compulsory showers. I believe their organizational issue to have been as follows: one pillow case, two bed sheets, one blanket, one pillow, one mattress, ammunition pouches, and mess gear, consisting of canteen, pot, cup, knife, fork, and spoon.

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Soviet Army Parade and Service Blouses

Parade Blouse

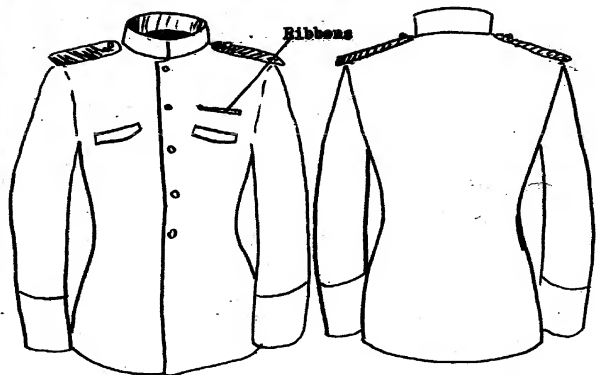


Front View



Rear View

Service Blouse



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